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(University of London)

Minutes of the meeting of the Committee for the Organisation of  
Courses for International Students held on October 11th 1929.

At a meeting of the Committee for the Organisation of Courses for International Students held on Friday October 11th 1929 at 3 p.m.

P r e s e n t

The Principal in the Chair  
Miss Baggallay  
Miss Bowes  
Mrs. Carter  
Miss Darbyshire  
Miss Dorsey  
Miss Hallowes  
Miss Lloyd Still  
Mrs. Reid  
Mrs. Williams  
Miss Jebb by invitation  
The Secretary.

1. Minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting had been circulated and were confirmed and signed as correct.

2. Communications received.

Apologies for absence were received from:- Professor Edgell.

3. Resignation of Dr. Brincker.

The Principal reported that Dr. Brincker had been appointed to an important post under the London County Council and would no longer be able to continue his lectures in the Department of Social Studies and Economics.

4. Arising out of the Minutes.

a. Report re Professor Cowell.

Reported that arrangements had been made for the International Students at Bedford College to attend the lectures on 'Nutrition' given by Professor Cowell for the College of Nursing students instead of them having a special course of lectures from Dr. Plimmer; that the lectures would at present be given at the College of Nursing.

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b. Report re certain candidates for entry undecided at the last meeting.

i. (Mrs.) Cecilia Burgess - India.

Mrs. Reid reported that Mrs. Burgess was in her opinion a most suitable candidate and had therefore been admitted to the course.

ii. Miss Danitsa Ourochevitch - Jugoslavia.

Reported that further investigation had shown that Miss Danitsa Ourochevitch from Jugoslavia had not sufficient professional training to allow her to profit from the course and that she had therefore not been admitted.

RESOLVED that the League of Red Cross Societies be informed that the Committee were unable to admit Miss Danitsa Ourochevitch of Jugoslavia to the course as she had not got sufficient professional training.

c. Report concerning certain economies on the educational side.

St. Thomas's Hospital.

Miss Lloyd Still reported that proposals made to St. Thomas's Hospital concerning a contribution to the salary of the Tutor to the Public Health Students were receiving attention and that the matter would be considered in Committee shortly. (For detail see letter of 15th July 1929, file 196b) She pointed out, however, that the assistance given by Miss Baggallay was in addition to what had previously been provided by St. Thomas's Hospital in connection with the grant received from the Ministry of Health and that the fact that she was doing work at St. Thomas's Hospital did not release money for other purposes.

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5. Additional student entries for 1929-30.

a. New Entries.

Applications for admission to the Public Health Course from two additional students was before the Committee as follows:-

<u>Name,</u>	<u>Country.</u>
K.W. Ellis	Canada
Joyce E. Nobes	Great Britain

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Both were considered suitable candidates for admission. The Committee were informed that Miss Nobes came with a scholarship from the Nightingale Fund.

RESOLVED that the above candidates be accepted for admission to the Public Health Course for 1929-30.

b. Re-entry.

Reported that Miss Frascara of the Italian Red Cross who had been registered for the Public Health Course 1922-23 but had only completed two terms now desired to complete the course and take the examination and obtain the regular League certificate; that during the last six years Miss Frascara had been working with the Italian Red Cross doing responsible work. The question of admitting Miss Frascara for one term only in the hope of her then passing the examination was discussed. In the opinion of those who had taught her it seemed unlikely that Miss Frascara would be able after so long a period to revise and complete the course in one term only. It was reported that she had always been a difficult student and was further handicapped by language difficulties. Mrs. Carter pointed out that it would be wiser not to readmit Miss Frascara unless those who were to teach her had some confidence that she would be successful in passing the examination. After further discussion it was agreed to admit Miss Frascara if she was prepared to give two terms to the work and come in in January 1930.

RESOLVED that in the opinion of this Committee it would be impossible for Miss Frascara to complete the work necessary for the examination in one term after so long an interval as six years.

that the League of Red Cross Societies be informed that Miss Itta Frascara of the Italian Red Cross will be re-admitted to the Public Health Course at Bedford College provided she be willing to enter in January 1930.

6. Lecture Courses.

a. Report re Dr. Brincker's lectures

Reported that the following arrangements had been made in conjunction with the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine:-

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Lt. Col. Parkinson to give 35 lectures on 'Hygiene and Public Health' throughout the session.

Dr. Crowden to give 7 lectures on 'Personal Hygiene' during the Lent Term.

Mrs. Reid reported under this heading that the visits of observation which had been linked up by Dr. Brincker with his lectures and were very important for the students would now be carried on by Miss Baggallay and that Dr. Brincker had promised to help by giving introductions to the London County Council Institutions and advice as to the best places to visit. Miss Baggallay further reported that the M.O.H. for Lambeth would open up facilities for this side of the work.

b. Report re course of lectures in Public Speaking.

Reported that the question of whether the course of lectures in Public Speaking was to be regarded as a regular part of the course and be in the syllabus was discussed. Mrs. Carter reported that the students had had this course each year and found it of value and that she would like to see it incorporated as part of the syllabus. It was pointed out that hitherto this course had been a private arrangement made by the Superintendent of Manchester Square and with the exception of the year 1928-29 had not been paid for out of the funds at the disposal of Bedford College.

Discussion took place and it was finally agreed that the course should not be incorporated in the syllabus but be arranged for and paid for as previous to 1928-29.

RESOLVED that the proposal to incorporate a course of lectures in Public Speaking in the syllabus be not proceeded with as in the opinion of this Committee the arrangements in force previous to 1928-29 were the more satisfactory.

7. Reports from the Tutors in Practical Work.

a. Report from the Tutor to the Nurse Administrators.

The Committee received a report from Miss Bowes, Tutor to the Nurse Administrators. She reported that the students of the Group for

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1929-30 were exceptionally intelligent and much more experienced than last year and had been able to profit to a considerable extent from the arrangements made for their practical training; that the Hospitals had given much help in forwarding their training.

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b. Report from the Tutor to the Public Health Students.

Miss Baggallay presented a report (see file 196b) on the practical work of the Public Health Group for 1929-30. She informed the Committee that they had had 8 weeks practical work; that there were 12 students only 3 of whom had started late; she also stated that she, like Miss Bowes, had been impressed by the fact that her students were more intelligent and more experienced than those of former years.

She mentioned one student, Madame Denoel sent by the French Red Cross who had great difficulty with the English language. Miss Baggallay pointed out that unless Madame Denoel took more trouble to improve her English she would have little if any chance of profiting by the course. Mrs. Carter pointed out to the Committee how important it was from the point of view of policy that this first student sent by the French Red Cross should be a success. Further evidence was before the Committee to show that Madame Denoel was disinclined to give as much time as was necessary to the study of the English language and had even lately discontinued her lessons in English. The Principal agreed to see Madame Denoel and explain to her the importance of improving her knowledge of the English language.

Miss Baggallay further reported that one of her students had required special tuition which she had authorised and she asked that a payment of £2.2.0 should be made to the East Islington Centre for Mothers and Babies for this purpose. In reply to Miss Baggallay's question as to what her procedure should have been the Chairman said that authorisation of tuitions if payment had to be made should normally come through the Head of the Department, Mrs. Reid who would procure the necessary authority.

Miss Baggallay asked that a special letter of appreciation be sent to Dr. Thompson, M.O.H. for Lambeth for the valuable help he had given in the practical training of the students.

Recommended            that a letter of thanks be sent from the Council of Bedford College to Dr. Thompson, M.O.H. for Lambeth for the valuable help given in the training of the Public Health Students.

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RESOLVED that tuitions arranged for by the Tutor to the Public Health Students for Miss Nobes for £2.2.0 be approved; that the question of payment be referred to the Finance Committee.

8. Curricula 1930-31.

Proposals for routine alterations in the prospectus for 1930-31 were before the Committee and considered by them.

RESOLVED that the prospectus for 1930-31 be amended in accordance with the proposals before the Committee.

that members of the committee send in to Mrs. Carter any other alterations known to them concerning matters of detail.

9. Question of Lectures on Child Guidance.

Mrs. Carter reported that when she had been in America she had seen Miss Scovell of the Commonwealth Fund who was very interested in the suggestion that lectures on Child Guidance should be started at Bedford College; that Professor Edgell had seen her.

Mrs. Carter put before the Committee the possibility of working out a course on Child Guidance in conjunction with the Psychology lectures given by Professor Edgell, the whole scheme to be financed by the Commonwealth Fund; she pointed out that such a scheme would do away with the necessity of Dr. Hutchison's lectures.

The Chairman proposed that Miss Jebb be associated with Mrs. Reid and Professor Edgell in this matter.

RESOLVED that Miss Jebb, Mrs. Reid and Professor Edgell consider the question in consultation with Dr. Moody of the Child Guidance clinic and bring forward proposals at the next meeting of the Committee should they deem it desirable.

10. Nomination of representative to replace Dr. Brincker on the Organisation Committee.

The proposal was put forward that Dr. Jamieson of the School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine should be invited to sit on the Organisation Committee.

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The question of a representative to replace Dr. Brincker was also discussed.

Recommended that in addition to the membership under the present constitution Dr. Jamieson of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine be invited to sit on the Organisation Committee as in the opinion of this Committee it would be valuable to have the School of Hygiene represented among its members.

that Lt. Col. Parkinson be invited to sit on the Committee in place of Dr. Brincker.

11. Other business.

Date of next meeting.

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on Friday January 31st at 3 p.m.